

**Town of Angier Board of Commissioners’
Special-Called, Budget Workshop
May 12, 2015 ~ 6:30 p.m.
Angier Municipal Building
Minutes**

The Town of Angier Board of Commissioners convened during a special-called Budget Workshop Tuesday, May 12, 2015, in the Board Room inside the Municipal Building at 28 North Raleigh Street.

Members Present: Mayor R.H. Ellington
Mayor/Pro Tem Commissioner Bob Smith
Commissioner Craig Honeycutt
Commissioner Lew Weatherspoon
Commissioner Alvis McKoy

Staff Present: Town Manager Coley B. Price
Town Engineer Bill Dreitzler
Public Works Director Jimmy Cook
Police Chief Bobby Hallman
Finance Director Vanessa Young
Parks and Recreation Director Derek McLean
Angier Librarian Amanda Davis
Planning Technician/Deputy Clerk Betty Pearson
Town Clerk Kim Lambert

Others Present: There was no representation from *The Daily Record*

A quorum was established as the Mayor and all four Board members attended the May 12, 2015, Budget Workshop.

2. Mayor R.H. Ellington presided, calling the Budget Workshop to order at 6:30 p.m.
3. The mayor led the pledge of allegiance.
4. Commissioner Bob Smith offered the invocation.

Presentation of the Preliminary 2015~2016 Budget:

Mayor Ellington yielded to Town Manager Coley Price who informed the Town Board that the meeting was intended for discussion purposes within a relaxed and informal setting. Mr. Price told Town officials that the Town had been faced with “a number of challenges while trying to maintain a balanced budget – an economic recession and State tax reform legislation.” He said that, thanks to the Town Board’s “strong leadership and excellent team, it has managed to maintain a strong fund balance during those tough economic times.” During this year’s budget preparation, the Board hosted a series of visioning sessions and Angier Connects meetings open to the public, and the Town Board, the Planning Board, the Angier Chamber of Commerce Board

and the Town staff completed a survey to identify projects they felt most needed by the Town. A special-called Budget Workshop was hosted in January, followed by department heads submitting requests for the coming year.

The Board reviewed each section of the Preliminary 2015-2016 Budget, defining which expenses have been allocated to the General Fund, the Utility Fund, the Powell Bill and/or Capital Project Funds. It was recommended that the Town retain its current tax rate of 53 cents per \$100 of valuation, which has not increased since 2006.

The recommended budget for the 2015-2016 General Fund is \$3,091,234 – an increase of \$201,012 and a proposed 6.95 percent increase from the current fiscal year. The recommended budget from the Utility Fund is \$2,076,252 – an increase of \$6,843 and a .33 percent increase from the current fiscal year.

Proposed changes: Because Harnett County has notified the Town of its intent to increase its bulk rate sewer services by 15 cents, Town Manager Coley Price recommends passing the increase from \$5.35 per 1,000 gallons to \$5.50 per month onto its customers. Because of the exorbitant number of delinquent accounts, it was recommended that the first late fee/disconnection rate increase from \$25 to \$35; and all offenses after the first occurrence increase to \$50.

Recommended purchases for the coming year include two Ford police interceptor utility vehicles for \$60,000, as requested by Police Chief Bobby Hallman. Librarian Amanda Davis has requested hiring a full-time employee; however, the Town has agreed to research the feasibility of full-time versus part-time or contract employment. The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting the concession stand at Field #4 be remodeled and some needed repairs at the Little League field, which has sustained drainage and flooding damage. If Public Works elects to upgrade to radio-read meters, the inline meters would require replacement with meter yokes at an estimated cost of \$8,000. The Town Board also suggested slashing the projected funding of Christmas decorations from \$17,600 to \$9,000.

Mr. Price said that the final 2015-2016 budget would be presented to the Town Board for their consideration with a public hearing during the regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday, June 2, 2015.


With no further business to discuss for the evening of May 12, 2015, a motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Weatherspoon to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

ATTEST:



Kim Lambert, Town Clerk




R.H. Ellington, Mayor

Addendum pages as referenced in these minutes follow and are a part of the official record.